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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON CONSOLIDATED UNRWA RESOLUTION

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(SBU) Refcoord delivered ref demarche to GOJ Department of Palestinian Affairs Director General Abdulkarim Abulhaija on October 30, leaving the draft resolution as a nonpaper. (The GOJ, through the Department of Palestinian Affairs, plays an active leadership role among UNRWA host governments and in Arab League meetings on refugee issues.) Refcoord emphasized that a consolidated UNRWA resolution would help turn the international community's attention away from difficult political issues back to UNRWA's core humanitarian mandate, thereby protecting donors' ability to continue strong financial support for the agency. Noting that the GOJ shares U.S. concerns about depoliticizing UNRWA issues, Abulhaija promised to review the resolution and encourage the Jordanian mission in New York to cooperate with the U.S. mission on the draft resolution.

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